

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in reply to the Final Office Action dated December 18, 2008, and in conjunction with the enclosed Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Claims 1, 14 to 18, 52, and 61 to 69 are pending in this application. Applicant has cancelled Claims 64 to 66. Claims 2 to 13, 19 to 51, and 53 to 60 stand previously cancelled. Applicant has amended Claims 1, 14, 16 to 18, 52, and 67 to 69. Applicant has added new Claims 70 to 72. No new matter is added by these amendments and these new claims. The Director is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 02-1818 for any fees due in connection with this Response and this RCE. If such a withdrawal or credit is made, please indicate the Attorney Docket No. 0112857-00309 on the account statement.

As noted above, Applicant has filed a Request for Continued Examination with this Response. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Examiner provide an upcoming Office Action which will “. . . identify any claims which he or she judges, as presently recited, to be allowable and/or . . . suggest any way in which he or she considers that rejected claims may be amended to make them allowable” in accordance with §707.07(d) of the MPEP.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Office Action rejected Claims 1, 14 to 18, 52, and 61 to 69 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,085,976 to Sehr (“Sehr”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,877,661 to Webb, et al. (“Webb”). Applicant has amended certain of the claims to traverse these rejections.

Amended independent Claim 1 now recites, in part: “said electronic ticket platform center receives a request from the cellular telephone to assign at least a portion of the electronic ticket information to a second information storage chip.” This amendment is supported by the published specification at least in paragraph [0263], which states, in part: “[w]hen assigning electronic ticket information, an assignor customer logs in to the electronic ticket platform center 110, and informs the electronic ticket platform center 110 of the ID number unique to the information storage chip of an assignee customer.”

Applicant respectfully submits that Sehr and Webb, alone or in combination, do not disclose or suggest these elements. Specifically, these references do not disclose or suggest an

electronic ticket management system wherein an electronic ticket platform center receives a request from a cellular telephone to assign ticket information to a second information storage chip. Page 4 of the Office Action relies on column 21, lines 3 to 27 of Sehr for disclosure of "wherein the electronic ticket information written to or stored on the information storage chip is assignable to other information storage chips." However, this portion of Sehr discloses only that "seat assignments stored in a particular card can nevertheless also be transferred into another passenger card without the need to communicate with the travel map or reservation desk..." That is, Sehr discloses transferring seat assignments without communicating with a ticketing platform. On the other hand, unlike amended independent Claim 1, Sehr does not disclose or render obvious an electronic ticket management system wherein an electronic ticket platform center receives a request from a cellular telephone to assign at least a portion of the electronic ticket information to a second information storage chip. Webb does not cure the deficiencies of Sehr. Moreover, it would not have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify Sehr with the teachings of Webb to arrive at such an electronic ticket management system without reasonably being construed as improper hindsight reconstruction.

The Office Action also rejected Claims 1, 14 to 18, 52, and 61 to 69 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sehr in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,047,205 to Hale, et al. ("Hale"). Applicant has amended certain of the claims to traverse these rejections.

As stated above, unlike amended independent Claim 1, Sehr does not disclose or render obvious an electronic ticket management system wherein an electronic ticket platform center receives a request from the cellular telephone to assign at least a portion of the electronic ticket information to a second information storage chip. Hale does not cure the deficiencies of Sehr. Moreover, it would not have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify Sehr with the teachings of Webb to arrive at such an electronic ticket management system without reasonably being construed as improper hindsight reconstruction.

For at least the foregoing reasons, amended independent Claim 1 is patentably distinguished over these references and is in condition for allowance. Claims 61, 67, and 70

depend directly from amended independent Claim 1 and are allowable for similar reasons, and because of the additional features recited in these claims.

Amended independent Claims 14 and 52 recite similar elements as amended independent Claim 1, and are allowable for similar reasons. Claims 15 to 18, 62, and 68, and Claims 63 and 69 depend directly from amended independent Claims 14 and 52, respectively, and are allowable for similar reasons, and because of the additional features recited in these claims.

New Claims

Applicant has added new Claims 70 to 72. New Claim 70 recites “[a]n electronic ticket management system according to claim 1, wherein the electronic ticket platform center receives identification information of the second information storage chip from the cellular telephone, reads the at least a portion of the electronic ticket information from the information storage chip, deletes said electronic ticket information from the information storage chip, stores said electronic ticket information and said identification information of the second information storage chip, and distributes said electronic ticket information to the second information storage chip.” New Claims 71 and 72 recite similar elements.

These new claims are supported by the published specification at least in paragraphs [0259] to [0266], and Figures 40 to 42, which describe electronic ticket information from one information storage chip to another information storage chip via the network 170.

Applicant respectfully submits that the subject matter as defined in the newly added claims is patentable over the cited references for at least the same reasons as discussed above, and for the additional patentable elements recited therein. For example, Sehr discloses, “seat assignments stored in a particular card can nevertheless also be transferred into another passenger card without the need to communicate with the travel map or reservation desk...” See Sehr, column 21, lines 3 to 27. However, nothing in Sehr discloses or suggests the elements of Claims 70 to 72.

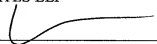
For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance and earnestly solicits reconsideration of the same.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account 02-1818 for any fees due in connection with this Response. If such a withdrawal is made, please indicate the Attorney Docket No. 0112857-00309 on the account statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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